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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, the specification and claims 3 and 4 have been amended and claims 1, 2 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 3 and 4 are pending and under consideration.

I. Objections to the Specification

The disclosure stands objected to because of informalities. Applicants wish to extend their gratitude to the Examiner for courtesies received in pointing out the informalities. The specification has been amended as suggested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of claim 3 is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 is an apparatus claim that has been amended to coincide with the features of method claim 3. Accordingly, allowance of claim 4 is respectfully requested.

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III. Conclusion

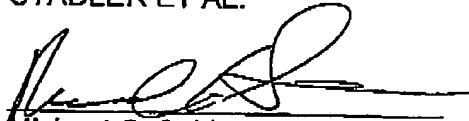
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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